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HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

March Meeting Minutes

DATE: March 28, 2017
TIME: 6:00 p.m.
PLACE: Howard County Health Department
 8930 Stanford Blvd., Columbia, MD 21045

Members Present: Carlessia Hussein, Gary Stewart, Deborah Rivkin, Paul Nagy, Bob Sheesley, Darryl Burnett, and Sue Song

Members Excused: Sheri Lewis, Kevin Carlson

Staff: Maura Rossman, Health Officer, Antigone Vickery, Deputy Health Officer, Gloria Whittington, Administrative Assistant

Guest: Christopher Burt, MBA, MPH Student at Benedictine University

Topic/Agenda	Discussion	Action/Follow-up
Welcome and Introductions	Gary Stewart opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.	
Approval of Minutes	Motion to accept February's minutes.	The motion to accept the February 28, 2017 minutes was approved unanimously.
New Business	<p>Introduction of Guest: Christopher Burt, MPH Student at Benedictine University. As a class assignment, has to attend a local Board of Health Meeting for his Public Health Systems class. He had to collect the Agenda, write a summary of the meeting for his class, receive a signature verifying his attendance.</p> <p>Discussion of Approval of Minutes – The question was posed should this process of approving the minutes be kept as part of opening the B.O.H. Meeting or taken out.</p> <p>Needle Exchange Program: Baltimore City has had a needle exchange program for 17 years. Legislation was passed last year to allow for needle exchange programs in other jurisdictions besides Baltimore City. DHMH presented to the Health Officer's asking if other jurisdictions, besides Baltimore City, are interested in a establishing a program.</p> <p>Fifty (50) Howard County residents participate in Baltimore City's program.</p> <p>Baltimore City presented to Howard County's Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board (ADAB) in February. ADAB met again and did approved bringing an exchange program to Howard County, but decided more discussion was needed on how it would be implemented. It is noted that needle exchange programs are not considered a prevention or treatment strategy for IV drug use, but a harm reduction strategy reduce HIV, Hep B & Hep C. The program in Baltimore includes required services including naloxone education, substance use referrals, condom distribution and more). The program also has optional mitigating services to address the IV drug use including, immunizations, wound care, reproductive health, naloxone training, HIV/STI testing and more.</p>	

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	<p>Concerns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Need a champion to bring it to the County - Maybe a mobile site (like in Baltimore) won't work as well; maybe fixed site better in HoCo - Residents go into the City to make purchases then bring back to Howard County - We are enabling them by giving out Syringes. - <p>Issues still under consideration:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Site location: fixed site or mobile; site's outside of Health Centers. Will transportation be an issue for participants? b. Don't want to attract drug sellers c. Must be thoughtful on location and frequency of stops d. What would the mobile van look like e. Getting the community to buy into this program; who would be the greatest opposition to the program. f. Getting the Board to agree <p>There needs to be a plan and metrics in place to evaluation this program. We did seek preliminary approval from the County Executive. He is supportive. Look into Annual cost of program and cost of treatment. We do need champions for the program.</p> <p>Funds are available through DHMH for Baltimore City Health Department to administer the program in Howard County. HCHD could possibly provide the 'optional' services, such as Naloxone training, reproductive health services, immunizations, etc.</p> <p>Full understanding of the problem is difficult because of challenges with data sharing. Data Sharing with Police, Hospital, EMS and health is a challenge because of HIPPA; we are not allowed legally to share information. Here in Howard County EMS wants to see an agreement before sharing information. Police Dept.do share.</p> <p>Opioid Overdose Command Center. The Governor declared a State of Emergency on Opioids. The Governor has identified Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) as a lead agency to coordinate all other agencies. The state will be using an incident command framework to manage the opioid crisis—at the state and the locals have the same directive. The purpose of this is the improve coordination across agencies. We hope this new structure will help us with challenges at the local level such as data</p>	<p>Board Members would like more data before making a decision on if they would approve a fixed site or a mobile one.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What if any difference exists for allocation of funding exists for a fixed site, as opposed to a Mobile site. - Examine the economic value of the program, examining the cost of the program vs. cost of treatment. - Additional data on occurrences. Dr. Rossman will determine what can be shared given challenges with data sharing across agencies. <p>Will need a letter of support from the County Executive's office and B.O.H. Members and others in the Community.</p>

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	sharing. In the County, Office of Emergency Management is the lead coordinating agency and Health is the lead. They have started developing regular situation report.	Dr. Rossman can send out Sit Reports. Once every two weeks. Board approves of supporting Department in this endeavor
Old Business	<p>Health Officer Report: March 1st we moved Medical Assistance Transportation program from Administration Bureau to Access Care Bureau (which includes the MA/MCHP/ACCU programs). Putting these programs in one unit helps better align programs and coordination.</p> <p>Child Health – One of the telemedicine schools that has been underperforming (Bryant Woods) will be transferred to another school (Deep Run Elementary School).</p> <p>Detox Facility in Howard County: County Executive has given the Department the task to bring a Detox Center to Howard County. The Department submitted a proposal to include a substance use continuum of care facility to include detox services as well as other outpatient services, and a stabilization center.</p>	
Other Business	<p>Suggested topics for next meeting will be: legislation update regarding bills related to Opioids, Essence, CRISP Update.</p> <p>Next BOH meeting scheduled for April 25, 2017</p>	Behavioral Health Integration efforts will be discussed at the next Meeting on 4-26-17. Also ESSENCE
Chairperson's Report	N/A	
Adjournment	<i>There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.</i>	

Next Board of Health Meeting: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at Howard Co. Health Department 8930 Stanford Blvd. 1st Floor, Columbia, MD 21045